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CELEBRATION A GREAT SUCCESS

FOURTH DRAWS GOOD CROWDS TO CENTERVILLE

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The celebration at Centerville on July Fourth was a successful home affair and was largely attended by the people of Washington Township. The streets were well lined with automobiles on the Fourth and it has been estimated that four or five thousand people were present during the day.

The celebration began with a dance given in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, July1. The dance was given by Clarke's Orchestra and was largely attended.

On Sunday afternoon the Centerville Sodality team met and conquered the Invincibles of Oakland in a ball game at the high school grounds. In the evening there was a concert by the band in the park.

The Fourth Proper.

The Fourth proper opened with a band concert in the park from nine-thirty to ten o'clock. At ten o'clock the ladies of al lthe different lodges of S. R. S. I. in Washington Township marched i na parade, headed by the Centerville band. This was one of the features of the day.

In the afternoon there were quite a number of attractions. There was dancing in the Town Hall from one to six o'clock with a goodly number in attendance. On a platform erected on the main street was a free vaudeville performance. On another platform was Japanese wrestling and fencing all during the afternoon.

At two o'clock the literary exercises were held. The Declartion of Inpendence was read by Hon. J. G. Mattos, Jr. Mrs. Ruth Houston Wilson of Berkeley, formerly of Centerville, sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

At 2:15 the clown band followed by theirty school boys in paint and bunting to tisuthe occasion marched to the ball grounds, followed by a truck loaded with the committee of the day, and the San Leandro Merchants and Centerville Sodality baseball teams.

At 2:30 these teams met in a baseball contest which the visitors won handily.

There was a concert by the Centerville Band in the park from three to six o'clock in the afternoon. At four o'clock a greased pig was turned loose in the crowd an was caught by A. Nunes of Centerville. The greased pole furnished a lot of amusement but no one was able to climb it in order to get the $2.50 at the top of it.

The Horrible parade took place at five o'clock and contained a number of interesting characterizations and floats.

A band concert from seven to eight-thirty began the evening. There was a display of fireworks at eight-thirty o'clock. The celebration closed with a Grand Ball, the music for which was furnished by Sykes' Orchestra.

PROGRAM FOR CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, JULY 1

¶ Dance at Town Hall. 8:30 P.M. Clarke's Orchestra.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

¶ Baseball game, 2:30 P.M.
¶ Band concert, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

¶ Band Concert, 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
¶ Grand Parade, Ladies S. P. R. S., 10:00 A.M.
¶ Vaudeville Performance, 1:00 to 2:30 and 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.
¶ Japanese Wrestling, Fencing, etc., 1:00 to 2:30 and 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.
¶ Band Concert, 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.
¶ Dance in Town Hall, 1:00 to 6:00 P.M., all afternoon. Prizes.
¶ Literary exercises, 2 p.m.
¶ Baseball Game, 2:30 P.M.
¶ Tug-of-War, Races, Games, etc., at 4:00 P.M.
¶ Horrible Parade at 5:00 p.m.
¶ Fireworks, 8:30 P.M.
¶ Ball in Catholic Hall, 8:45 P.M. Syke's Orchestra.

Coming Events

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Where to Go

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What to Do

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SATURDAY

¶ Dance by the Maccabees in Conner's Hall, Niles. Syke's Orchestra. Admission: Gentlemen fifty cents ladies free.

SUNDAY

¶ Baseball at Alvarado and at Centerville.

COMING

¶ July 22. Dance by the Young Men of Centerville in Centerville Town Hall. Clarke's Orchestra. Exhibition of fancy ballrom dances by Ethel McMahon of San Francisco and M. E. Duarte of Hayward. Admission: gentlement fifty cents, ladies free.

MUCH IRRIGATION THIS YEAR

There has been more irrigation in Washington Township this year than in any other year of its history. It is not generally known that there are over two hundred irrigating plants in the township. The benefit derived from the underground water supply so easily available is vastly greater than many of our people suspect.

With the high valuation placed on farming land here, the only way it can be made to yield anything like a reasonable rate of interest on the money invested is by intensive cultivation. For this plenty of water for irrigation is necessary. The amount of water needed for two hundred irrigation plants runs up into many millions of gallons of water daily.

In addition to the irrigation plants there are over a thousand wells in our district that are pumping water daily for domestic use.

There is no place in the world that is better adapted to intensive cultivation than right here in this township. Climate, soil, nearness of market are all here. Now if we apply irrigation and good farming sense we ought to have the richest agricultural section in the world.

W. P. WAS SOLD LAST WEEK FOR $18,000,000

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Eighteen million dollars was offered and accepted last week for the Western Pacific Railroad. It took just one minute to conclude the transaction.

The road, which cost $75,000,000, was sold by Special Master Francis Krull to John F. Bowie, representative of the Reorganization Committee.

The litigation concerning the Western Pacific Railroad has been in the Federal courts for months. When Judge illiam C. Van Fleet appointed two receivers instead of one the majority bondholders protested. They again protested against the appointment of John S. Partridge as attorney for the receivors. In spite of efforts to take the case from Judge Van Fleet the Appellate Court upheld him. He then voluntarily withdrew and asked Judge Dooling to fix an upset price.

The amount bid for the railroad must be paid to the special master wtihin twenty days. A sum sufficient to cover all outstanding indebtedness must immediately be placed in his hands unless it is agreed that the new company will assume the obligations.

Krull will be obliged to pay off bonds, and this will entail a journey to Holland and Germany. The war has made it impossible to ship the bonds over here for cancellation.

As soon as the necessary details of the sale are out of the way, the new company will begin the construction of feeders. One of the first is to be the Niles-San Jose line in order to tap the fertile Santa Clara Valley, one of the heaviest freight yielders in the state. Just where this line will run between Niles and Warm Springs is not definitely known as several different surveys have been made. It is expected that the work on the local line will be underway in a few months.

That this entire valley will greatly benefit by the rehabilitation of the Western Pacific is beyond any doubt. The dream of local passenger transportation has been solved by the jitneys. We are no longer dependent on the railroads for this class of service. It is in the encouragement given to local producers in the way of better service, and the efforts of the company to stimulate industries of all kinds that we may look for our greatest benefit.

Incidentally the building of the branch to San Jose will mean the expenditure of quite a large sum of money in our section.

SEND IN YOUR NEWS

The Press wants you to send in your newsitems. We are always glad to print them. In order to insure their being published you should mail your items early in the week, by Tuesday afternoon i fpossible.

MACCABEES DANCE

The Macabees of Niles Canyon Tent 88 are giving a social dance this Saturday evening in Connor's Hall, Niles. Syke's Orchestra. Admission is fifty cents for gentlemen, ladies free. This is the first dance to be given by this newly organized lodge and it is to be expected that a good crowd will be present.

BARN BURNS DOWN

The Amaral barn at Alviso was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. Thirteen tons of hay were lost, together with a wagon near the barn The horses were not inside at the time of the fire and so were unharmed.

VISITING MOTHER

Mr. Chris Runckel (senior) left Thursday morning for a few days visit with his mother in Dutch Flat, Placer County.

New County Charter is Planned

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Movement Steadily Gains Strength

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Tax Association Presents Facts

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The movement for the reorganization of the government of Alameda County is steadily gaining ground. It is conceded on all sides that Alameda county has outgrown the form of government which probably suited its situation twenty-five years ago. The idea which seems best suited to the present tisuation is the county charter plan. This provides for a central government dealing with those phases of government which are general and apply to the whole county. For instance there would be one assessor for the whole county, one tax collector, one superintendent of schools, one county engineer for supervision of road construction,etc.

There would be a larger board of supervisors to deal with the county as a whole andthe county would be divided itno boroughs each borough having its borough council to deal with local affairs. For instance, Washington Township would be in a borough by itself with a borough board of five members. This board would have control over matter pertaining to health, police, the regulation of the sale of liquor, and would recommend the tax levy for local purposes. It would also have control over such public utilities as the borough might establish such as a water system, lighing or gas.

There are many arguments in favor of the county charter plan. The following points in its favor have been advanced by the Tax Association of Alameda County and are worthy of careful study.

TEN REASONS WHY THE EAST BAY CITIES AND THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA SHOULD FEDERATE UNDER A CITY AND COUNTY CHARTER.

First:

BECAUSE—A county charter can be drafted, under the borough plan, permitting each municipality or community to maintain its present IDENTITY and INDEPENDENCE as to TAX RATE and the purposes for which TAXES shall be raised also retain complete local control over all policies and the important police and health control functions.

Second:

BECAUSE—Under a CENTRAL EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT, with all administrative officials appointed because of FITNESS under CIVIL SERVICE, and a competent Manager "ON THE JOB" all of the time, the present existing turmoil and inefficiency can be eliminated, enabling the people to get better and more service at less cost.

Third:

BENCAUSE—A CITY PLANNING PROGRAM providing for the future is absolutely essential to all of the East Bay Cities; but as shown in Prof. Werner Hegermann's report, if we are to receive the GREATEST BENEFITS at MINIMUM COST, the problem must be treated as a UNIT and a consistent program carried out over a number of years.

Fourth:

BECAUSE—The proper development of a PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT to provide water, light, and transportation facilities for all East Bay Cities can be carried out most successfully under the CITY AND COUNTY CHARTER PLAN.

Fifth:

BECAUSE—Federation will permit of ONE UNIFORM SCHOOL system throughout the County, in place of the present confused and complex system with attendant expensive OVERHEAD CHARGES. One school board and one superintendent will have charge instead of FIVE or SIX as at present.

Sixth:

BECAUSE—The County of Alameda and its cities employing more than 4,000 Officials and Employees, expending $10,000,000 annually, deservise the highest type of business management in place of the existing wasteful arrangement, whereby each city has its own staff performing identical work, the whole overtopped with the county again duplicating the work.

Seventh:

BECAUSE—At present there are 11 tax collectors, where ONE would do; 11 treasurers, where ONE would do; 10 chief clerks, where ONE would do; 9 assessors, where ONE would do; 4 school supts., where ONE would do; 5 auditors, where ONE would do; 5 purchasing agts., where ONE would do; and 59 other boards purchasing supplies.

Eighth:

BECAUSE—A federated city and county, under the borough system, would eliminate all of this DUPLICATION—would SAVE hundreds of thousands of dollars ANNUALLY to the taxpayers, without taking into consideration the increased EFFICIENCY which a business management would produce.

Ninth:

BECAUSE—The Great Harbor upon which the East Bay Cities front is incapable of proper DEVELOPMENT to its fullest opportunity, unless such development is undertaken by a UNIFIED PEOPLE under ONE GOVERNMENT for all of the cities.

Tenth:

BECAUSE—A city and county charter will give to the people of Alameda County "HOME RULE" in all internal matters, cut out all of the unnecessary links in the chain of legal authority and prevent the continual interference of the Legislature each session from INCREASING the payroll by creating UNNECESSARY OFFICES and deputyships.

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WHAT IS WRONG HERE?

Table Showing Comparative Increases in Three of Our Largest Cities

City of Oakland—From 1910 to 1915—Property Values or Assessment Roll.

Increased 12 per cent; City Tax Rate Increased 34 per cent; Population Increased only 2 2pe rcent.

City of Berkeley—Property Values or Assessment Roll.

Increased 22 per cent; City Tax Rate Increased 77 per cent; Population Increased only 35 pe rcent.

City of Alameda—Property Values or Assessment Roll.

Increased 14 per cent; City Tax Rate Increased 40 per cent; Population Increased only 21 per cent.

Mr. Taxpayer: Study these percentages.

If the tax rate in fifive years increased nearly double in percentage to what the population increased—notwithstanding the assessed valuation of property increased—which provided a greater revenue—**What will your tax rate be in 1920,** Each city will grow. The budget will grow. The separate debt of the cities will grow—more next year and the next.

Where is the Money Coming From? Only out of Savings. The greatest SAVINGS can only be effected by federation or consolidation, doing away with all duplicating officials—cutting down the overhead, standardizing work, salaries, supplies and methods.

While the Tax Association of Alameda County has in the past four years recommended and secured savings in public expenditures amounting to $810,000, as shown in previous bulletins issued; the Association desires to say that by federation of the cities and the county under one city and county government, giving each city local autonomy in many matters under the borough system, further savings can be effected amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

Township Notes

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Chas. L. Hyde until recently pastor of the Niles Congregational Church has moved to Palo Alto where he has taken a chicken ranch. Mr. Hyde leaves a number friends in Niles who regret losing him as a member of the communiity.

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L. H. Eggars has purchased a new Dodge Brothers Motor Car. N. B. Randall is now local representative with M. Howe of the California Nursery at Niles, the local dealer.

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Work on the new subway crossing is progressing rapidly, most of the grading has been completed and the work of putting in the concrete has been begun.

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Wm. Catterlin left last week-end for a couple of weeks in Berry Creek, Butte County.

RANDALL ASSOCIATE DEALER

N. B. Randayl, the Centerville garage man, is now associate dealer for the Dodge Brothers Motor Car in Centerville, in connection with M. Howe of the California Nursery at Niles, who is dealer in Washington Township.

DANCE AT CENTERVILLE

A social dance is billed for July 22, Saturday evening, two weeks hence, for the Centerville Town Hall. Music by Clark's orchestra, and fancy exhibition ballroom dancing by Ethel McMahon of San Francisco and M. E. Duarte of Hayward are features.

CROWDS GO TO RODEO

The highway was kept busy on the Fourth. All morning there wa sa constant stream of autos of every description en route from the bay cities to San Jose and in the afternoon the returning motorists made even the main street of Niles dangerous to cross.

INVESTIGATION PROVES ORPHANAGE IN FINE SHAPE

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Wm. McKee, representing the State Board of Charities and Corrections, paid an official visit to the St. Mary's orphanage in Mission San Jose on Wednesday of this week. He made a thorough investigation into the social and financial conditions of the institution and reported it to be in splendid shape.

McKee is a greaduate of the University of California and is making such investigations into the condition of a number of institutional homes in the state. His work is unde rthe State Board of Charities and Corrections and the data secured by this Board is available for reference in the case of any proposed social legislation on the part of the state.

After spending Wednesday at the St. Mary's Orphanage McKee stated that the Mission San Jose home was one of the most ably menagade that he has ret invetsigated.

IRVINGTON

Irvington news is to be found on page three under Alrarado heading where it was placed by mistake.

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PATRIOTISM

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During the past week we have heard much about patriotism. Much also that appears conflicting and contradictory. There are many interpretations of loyalty, of the real significance of the flag and of what really constitute true courage. It is to us one of the hopeful manifestations of democracy that there is this freedom of thought. While the rest of the world is at war and freedom of opinion is sacrificed to the idea of self-preservation and subordinated to military necessity, here in this great western republic we still maintain the privileges of democracy. And because we profess to believe in the Declaration of Independence and the preamble to the federal constitution, we ought to be tolerant of other men's opinions and accord them the same freedom of conscience, purity of motive and courage of convicton that we ourselves claim.

If one element places a higher value on civic righteousness and social justice, or another upon the maintenance of our international prestige or still another is imbued with the ardor of preparedness or even the destiny of our nation to extend our institutions to other parts of the continent, we should bear in mind that each is entitled to honesty of purpose. If we can hold true to the fundamental principle of the republic we will insist that the decision which shall at least temporarily determine our course of action shall be peacefully settled at the polls. Those of us who are not satisfied wtih the decision of the majority have the right to persist in trying to bring the majority to our way of thinking.

It is difficult to hold ourselves true to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence. Pride in our own greatness as a nation may tempt us to endeavor to force what we believe its manifest destiny upon a neighboring mediæval nation. Fear for its future security may carry us too far along the lines of militarism. The great a devotion to the altruistic ideals may leave us at the mercy of the invaders of the future. But if we are really Americans in the sense that our forefathers who fought the Revolutionary War or who preserved the Union in the Civil War were Americans, then we will have faith in our fellow man and trust to the majority to determine our course in accord with the fundamental principles of liberty and justice and we will believe also that our people will be ready at all times to uphold those great principles with the necessary physical and moral courage. While the rest of the world is aflame with hatred and murder let us see to it that we are not carried away with the influence it exerts upon us. It is a time for us to practice tolerance, to exercise forbearance and to wait with patience the working out of the great problems that confront us as the world's great leader in true democracy.

It is our task to translate into action the symbols of the flag. Unless civic righteousness is shown in our own life as individuals and as a nation the flag has no real meaing to us. Unless we can be just to the weakest among our own and also just to the weakest of our national neighbors the flag has not been truly interpreted. And unless we have the courage, moral and physical, to maintain our convictions in the face of any and all opposition, the flag has not imbued us with the spirit of the heroes who have shed their blood for the really great things in any nation's life.

Whether we are for President Wilson or against him we are bound to concede that his speech before the New York Press Club last Friday was one of the best speeches of his career. Among other things the President said:

"There are some gentlemen who are under the delusion that the power of a nation comes from the top. It does not. It comes from the bottom! I want you to know fully I realize whose servant I am. I do not own the government of the United States, even for the time being. I have no right to use it to express my own passions. I have no right to express my own ambitions for the development of America if those ambitions are not coincident with the ambitions of the nation itself.

"And I have constantly to remind myself that I am not the servant of those who wish to enhance the value of their Mexican investments; that I am the servant of the rank and file of the people of the United States."

It is such sentiments as these that appeal to the rank and file of all parties. It is very evident that President Wilson is either a great democratic statesman or else he is one of the shrewdest politicians that this country has produced.

LA FOLLETTE ON HUGHES

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The following from Robert M. La Follette on the nomination of Charles E. Hughes will prove satisfactory to many of our Republican readers:

"The nomination of Mr. Justice Hughes will be acceptable to the great body of the progressive Republicans of the country. There was probably no other man upon whom so many Republicans of all elements could have been joined in support.

"He was not the choice of the reactionary element, which framed the platform and otherwise controlled the convention. It is a source of hope and encouragement that his selection came in response to the insistent demand of the masses of Repu.licans for a candidate on whom the party might reasonably unite and agree. The choice is not unlike that of Benjamin Harrison after the fifirst Cleveland administration. Hughes is somewhat the type of man that Harrison was, but with more warmth and personal magnetism. He is able, independent, fearless, and possessed of high civic spirit. There is no question of his personal and political integrity. He will go as far as his convictions carry him, and no ulterior influences can stop him.

Navy League Unmasked

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Extracts from Speech By Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner

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(Continued from last week.)

Now I come down to the officers of the Navy League of to-day| The president of the league, Col. Robert M. Thompson, the gentleman who was unkind enough to threaten to sue me but not kind enough to do it, is chairman of the board of directors of the International Nickel Co., the business of which, according to the Wall Street Journal, has been very much improved by the war.

The directorate of the International Nickel Co. interlocks with that of the United States Steel Corporation, Edmund C. Converse sitting as a director on both concerns. United States Steel controls the bulk of the steel industry in this country, and is capitalized for $1,512,000,000, while International Nickel controls the greater part of the nickel lands of the North American Continent, and is capitalized at $47,000,000.

Col. Thompson, as president of the Navy League, was a happy selection indeed, because the steel, nickel, and copper interests, all of which will profit handsomely through war and preparation for war, interlock beautifully thorugh him and his International Nickel Co. W. A. Clark, the Montana "copper king," is president of the Waclark Wire Co. and Col. Thompson is one of his directors on that corporation. Then, too, Col. Thompson s president of the New York Metal Exchange.

Col. Thompson's International Nickel Co. also interlocks with the Midvale Steel & Ordinance Co., W. E. Corey being a director of International Nickel and president and director of the new Midvale corporation, which was organized recently for $100,000,000 especially to handle the growing war-trfficking trade, and is one of the largest war-trading firms in the United States. Mr. Corey only recently retired from the presidency of the Carnegie Steel Co. and from the board of directors of United States Steel. One of the underlying concerns of the new Midvale company is the Remington Arms Co., which has a contract to manufacture 2,000,000 Enfield rifles for the British Government.

The International Nckel Co. also interlocks with the Midvale concern through Ambrose Monell, who is president of the International Nickel Co. and a director of the Midvale Steel & Ordinance Co.

Seward Prosses, another director of International Nickel, is one of the contributors to the funds of the Navy League which have been used to banquet Secretaries of the Navy and Members of Congress, hire speakers, and carry on the elaborate campaign for "preparedness" which the Navy Leeague has been carrying on most earnestly for the last 13 years, and which promises now to bear fruit in the form of staggering increases in Army and Navy appropriations.

International Nickel also interlocks directly with the United States Navy Department, through W. H. Brownson, retired rear admiral, who is a director of the International Nickel Co. and on the payroll of the Government at a salary of $6,000 a year, which is three-fourths full pay. "Who's Who" for 1914-1915 gives Admiral Brownson's address as "Navy Department, Washington, D. C." Admiral Brownson is, no doubt, of more value to the International Nickel Co. in Washington, where he comes into intimate contact with fellow naval officers, than he would be any place else.

(To be continued next week.)

CHURCH NOTICES

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ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Francis Murgotten, Minitser.
Sunday, July 2, 1916
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:45 p.m.
Subject of Sermon, "Hypenated Christians."

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CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Niles, California
Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday.
Decoto, California
Mass at 11:00 a. m.

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HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Centerville, California
Father A. M. Souza, pastor.
Father S. F. Baron, asst, pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.
Sunday — Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30.

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Irvington, California
H. V. WHITE, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School.
8 p. m. Preaching Services.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Newark, California
James Curry, D.D., Pastor.
Preaching services at 11 and 7:45 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting 7 p. m. Sabbath School 9:45 p. m., Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Ladies Aid first and third Wedensday afternoon each month, Missionary Society last Fridays at 2:30 p. m.

S. P. TIME TABLE

NILES TO SAN JOSE

Trains leave Niles: 8:17, 10:00 a.m., 1:35, 2:20, 5:10, 6:12, 8:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE TO NILES

Trains leave San Jose: 5:15, 7:10 a.m., 12:45, 3:40, 4:05, 5:25, 6:05, 6:30 p.m.

NILES TO NEWARK

Trains leave Niles: 4:45, 6:58 a.m., 1:40, 2:48, 5:11 p.m.

NEWARK TO NILES

Trains leave Newark: 9:35 a.m., 4:20 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO TO NILES

Train No.	Lv.S.F. (Mkt.St.)	Lv.Oak. (1st-Bd.)	Ar.Niles
210	1:20a	1:52a	2:36a
504	1:00p	1:37p	2:42p
90	6:40a	7:12a	8:15a
82	7:20a	7:57a	8:40a
32	8:20a	8:55a	10:00a
92	12:40p	1:15p	2:13p
500		4:05a	4:45a
38	4:00p	4:31p	5:08p
96	4:40p	5:11p	6:05p
80	5:00p	5:30p	6:12p
182	6:40p	7:11p	7:58p
	6:40p	7:11p	7:58p

NILES TO SAN FRANCISCO

Train No.	Lv. Niles	Av. Oak. (1st-Bd.)	Av. S.F.
89	5:45a	6:35a	7:10a
93	6:58a	7:51a	8:30a
91	7:48a	8:51a	9:30a
79	8:55a	9:30a	10:00a
181	1:30p	2:13p	2:50p
31	2:20p	3:10p	3:50p
97	4:20p	5:30p	6:10p
37	6:12p	6:53p	7:30p
99	6:15p	7:15p	7:50p
51	8:50p	9:27p	10:00p

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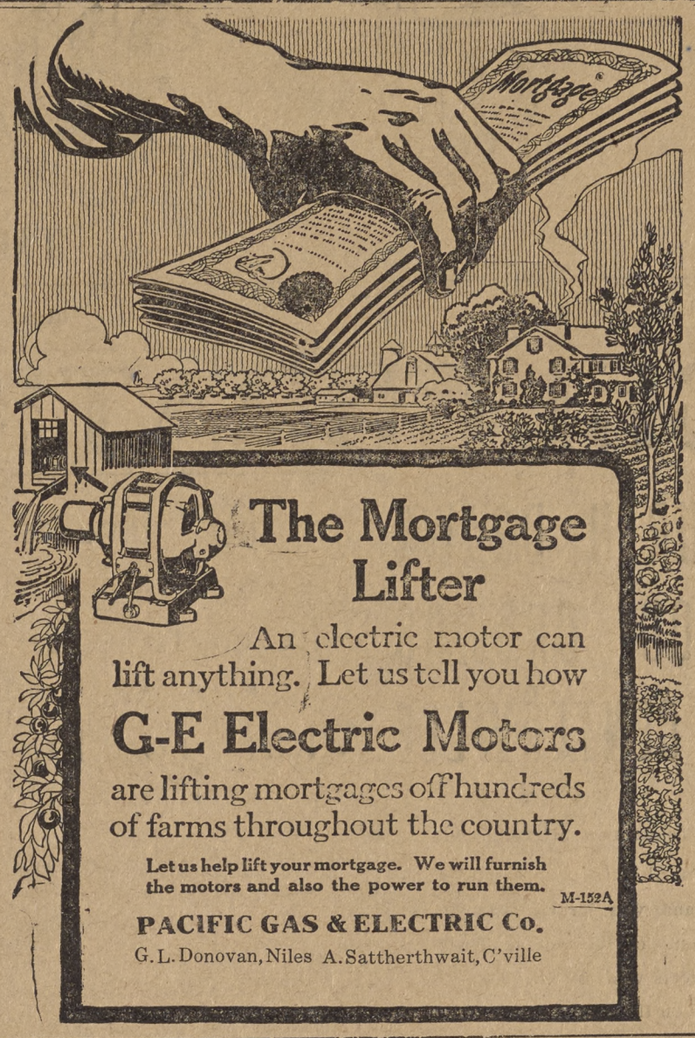
LODGE MEETINGS

NILES LODGE, NO. 382, I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday evening at Niles
W. O. FORD, N. G.
N. P. HANSEN, V. G.
P A. ELLIS, Sec.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W. — Meets every second and Fourth Fridays of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.
J. F. ROSE, Con. Com.
JOS. SOTTO, Adv.
M. H. LEWIS, Clerk.
M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M. Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1916: January 15, February 12, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 9.
F. B. HARTMAN, W. M.
A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.



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PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC Co.
G. L. Donovan, Niles A. Sattherthwait, C'ville

No. of Bank 339.

REPORT OF CONDITION
Of the
BANK OF CENTERVILLE

At Centerville, Cal., as of the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1916.

RESOURCES

Resources	Commercial
Loans and Discounts	$444,508.06
Overdrafts	NONE
Bonds, Warrants and Other Securities	127,469.29
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	6,000.00
Due from Reserve Banks	91,182.55
Due from Other Banks	43,184.22
Actual Cash on Hand	41,816.20
Total	$754,160.32

LIABILITIES

Liabilities	Commercial
Capital Stock paid in	$ 75,000.00
Surplus	7,500.00
Undivided Profits, Less Expenses and Taxes paid	3,122.84
Dividends Unpaid	1,500.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	202,623.95
Demand Certificates of Deposit	780.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	423,660.63
Cashier's Checks	4,291.78
State, County and Municipal Deposits	35,000.00
Postal Savings Deposits	681.12
Total	$754,160.32

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
County of Alameda, ss.

Jno. G. Mattos Jr., President, and F. T. Dusterberry, Secretary and Cashier of Bank of Centerville, being duly sworn, each for himself, says he has a personal knowledge of the matters contained in the foregoing report of condition and that every allegation, statement, matter and thing therein contained, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

JNO. G. MATTOS JR., President.
F. T. DUSTERBERRY, Secretary and Cashier.

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 5th day of July, 1916.

LEONORA C. MATTOS,
Notary Public in and for said County of Alameda, State of California.

OFFICERS

JNO. G. MATTOS JR., President and Manager; JOS. DIAS, Vice-President; F. T. DUSTERBERRY, Cashier and Secretary; H. B. WHITE, Asst. Cashier.

DIRECTORS

JNO. G. MATTOS JR., F. T. DUSTERBERRY, JOSEPH DIAS, E. H. STEVENSON, EMANUEL GEORGE, F. I. LEMOS, M. F. SILVA.

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Admission: Matinee 5 and 10 cents.
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SANTA CLARA CALIFORNIA

Al Gomes has purchased the Francis poolroom and will be open for business this Saturday evening.

Centerville

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D. Ormsby and family left last Thursday morning for San Diego to be gone for a three-week's vacation. They went by automobile over valley route. Dr. Grimmer of Irvington will attend to Dr. Ormsby's practice during his absence.

The young men of Centerville have cards out for a dance in the Town Hall July 22, two weeks from this Saturday night. The admission is fifty cents for gentlemen, ladies free. Music will be furnished by Clarke's orchetsra. An exhibition of fancy ballroom dancing by Ethel McMahon of San Francisco and M. E. Duarte of Hayward will be a feature. Floor managers for the dance are Joe Francis and M. Alameda.

The celebration at Centerville July First, Second and Fourth was a successful affair and was well attended by the people of Washington Township.

Mr. A. T. Ames who recently underwent a very serious operation, at St. Anthony's is reported as being on the way toward recovery.

The car that is hard to get, because the demand is far greater than production, proves its desirability. It's a "Dodge". Bert Randall, Centerville, sells them. —Advt.

W. B. Sloane, the photographer, is back at Centerville at the old location. He will be glad to see his old friends again and guarantees to turn out work that will be satisfactory at very reasonable prices. — Advt.

JUST ONE OF OUR CHOCOLATES

is never enough. The first is but a sample of candy goodness that is simply irresistible. Try a box and give her the joy of a delicious treat. Stop in to-day. You cannot do a good thing too soon.

Whitfield Bros., Niles, Cal

No. of Bank 390.

REPORT OF CONDITION
— OF THE —
NILES STATE BANK

At Niles as of the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1916.

RESOURCES

Resources	Commercial
Loans and Discounts	$ 63,704.15
Bonds, Warrants and Other Securities	19,446.70
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	9,000.00
Other Real Estate Owned	1,500.00
Due from Reserve Banks	72,176.92
Actual Cash on Hand	11,370.62
Total	$177,198.39

LIABILITIES

Liabilities	Commercial
Capital Stock paid in	$ 25,000.00
Undivided Profits, Less Expenses and Taxes paid	1,466.51
Individual Deposits subject to check	75,718.23
Time Certificates of Deposit	69,233.45
State, County and Municipal Deposits	5,000.000
Postal Savings Deposits	780.20
Total	$177.198.39

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
County of Alameda, ss.

August May, President, and Chas. Evans, Secretary (Cashier) of Niles State Bank, being duly sworn, each for himself, says he has a personal knowledge of the matters contained in the foregoing report of condition and that every allegation, statement, matter and thing therein contained, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(SEAL) AUGUST MAY, President
CHAS. EVANS, Secretary (Cashier).

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 6th day of July, 1916.

M. B. SNEDEN,
Notary Public in and for said County of Alameda, State of California.

No. of Bank 232-232a.

REPORT OF CONDITION
— OF THE —
BANK OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

At Alvarado, California, and its Branch at Irvington, as of the close of business on the 30th day of June 1916.

This report includes the business of all branch offices.

RESOURCES

Resources	Commercial
Loans and Discounts	$387,365.00
Bonds, Warrants and Other Securities	91,483.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	14,335.00
Due from Reserve Banks	227,811.16
Actual cash on Hand	41,524.83
Total	$762,518.99

LIABILITIES

Liabilities	Commercial
Capital Stock paid in	$ 65,000.00
Surplus	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, Less Expenses and Taxes paid	7,585.46
Individual Deposits subject to check	236,880.60
Demand Certificates of Deposit	419.777.58
Cashier's Checks	1,177.35
County Deposits	30,000.000
Total	$762,518.99

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
County of Alameda, ss.

August May, President (Vice-President), and J. R. Blacow, Secretary (Cashier) of Bank of Alameda County, being duly sworn, each for himself, says he has a personal knowledge of the matters contained in the foregoing report of condition and that every allegation, statement, matter and thing therein contained, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(SEAL) AUGUST MAY, President (Vice-President).
J. R. BLACOW, Secretry and Cashier.

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 5th day of July 1916.

CHRISTENA M. ANDERSON,
Notary Public in and for said County of Alameda, State of California.

Niles Notes

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Kullman Salz were guests at Belvoir on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stoner and Mr. Jamison and wife celebrated by taking themselves to a three-days' trip into Santa Clara Co., visiting the observatory an Mt. Hamilton and taking in the delights and thrills of the San Jose Rodeo.

Miss Florence Sharpe is still in the Yosemite Valley the guest of the Geo Faber family.

Mrs. Wellington Gregg is visiting Miss Edna Sharpe at Belvoir.

The coming and going of summers' guests — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cosby among the number — on the 4th inst. at Belvoir made the day unusually business like and satisfactory.

Miss Mills favored the Belvoir family with a short visit as she returned from Yosemite, then, on Sunday last, proceeded to her home in Watsonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Burtchard were week end guests of relatives at Belvoir.

It is reported that Miss Edgecombe intends returning, soon, to her Eastern home. Her many friends here regret this decision, having hoped she would remain a permanent resident of Niles.

Mr. A. T. Ames' friends ae glrad to hear that he is satisfactorily recovering from the serious hospital operation of the amputation of his leg.

Mrs. W. Hugh writes from Seattle of the pleasures of her visit there mentioning the rain which she is "just enjoying, it seems so home-like".

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyson left last week for an outing in Lake Co., at the summer home of Judge Ogden and family. They made the journey by automobile.

Miss Grace Beck of San Francisco visited her sister Mrs. E. B. Tyson for several days.

Mrs. W. E. Gibson and children of Fruitvale are spending the vacation week at their home in Niles.

The "Dodge Brothers" car is in such demand that the distributors find themselves far behind in deliveries. However, Bert Randall at Centerville can get one. See him.

Trinity Guild held its last meeting for July and August last week Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Leslie Sturtevant in Irvington. The annual meeting for the beginning of the new year with basket luncheon was appointed with Mrs. Clara Martenstein. for the last Wednesday in August.

Mrs. George Donovan, Mrs. Ben Tyson and Mrs. C. B. Overacker were among those from Niles who attended the closing exercises of the Normal School in San Jose last week.

Mrs. George MacRae has received a letter from Mlle. Gabriel Bloch, in charge of the Ambulance Corps of the Appui Bilze of Paris, telling her that the Belgian consul at London had notified her o fthe arrival there of the ship "Crown of Toledo" bearing the California donations to the destitute women and children of Belgium. In this cargo was the Washington Township donation besides 90,000 cases of California canned fruits, teh last shipment of canned goods made.

Miss May Barnard spent the week end with friends in the Bay cities.

Miss Marie Sharpe has returned to Oakland after a week's visit in Niles.

Miss Clare Mathieson of San Francisco, formerly of Niles, is the guest this week of Miss Dorothy Tyson.

Thedance given last Saturday night in Connor's Hall for the benefit of the Niles Chamber of Commerce band was quite well attended. Music was furnished by King's Orchestra.

The Maccabees are giving a dance this Saturday evening, July 8, in Connor's Hall, Niles. Syke's Orchestra is to furnish the music, which means a good time for all who attend. The admission is fifty cents for gentlemen ladies are free. Tickets are being sold and a good crowd is expected.

Miss Amy Bliss has resigned her position with the telephone company and left Wednesday for Auburn, where she will visit with the family of her uncle Mr. Fred Bliss.

Miss Pearl Fulton and her brother Robert have returned from a month's vacation in Fresno, where they were visiting the family of their sister.

Manuel Swartz was a city visitor last Sunday.

Alberg Bros. have purchased a second hand Ford for use in their business.

Fred Rose has accepted a position as chauffeur for H. A. Moore at Mission San Jose.

Andrew Heller, formerly of Niles, and at present a U. S. marine, was in town Tuesday visiting his relatives.

Mrs. Geneva Chase and grand daughter Miss Geneva Trudgeon have arrived in Tacoma, Washington, where they wil lvisit during the summer months.

Melvin Duffy left on the newspaper train Thursday morning for a visit in Placer County. He will spend a few days with friends in Forest Hill and will then stop with hi suncle Mr. Will Duffy, at the Ralston mine.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Alberg accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Duffy of Niles motored to Mrs. Albergs' ranch near Mt. Eden on the Fourth.

H. R. Beckett of the Inspection Department of the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation of London, was in Niles Thursday representing the San Francisco office.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Murphy and Ben and Miss Helen Murphy motored to Oakland for the Fourth.

The Johnson, Wells, and Smith families are camping in Niles Canyon.

The Dodge Brothers car, owing to its low gasoline consumption and light tire cost, proves it is the machine for the general public. See Bert Randall, Centerville. —Advt.

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Niles Beat Campers.

The Niles Fencebusters, who walloped the Campers by a score of 13 to 8 last Sunday at Sullivan's Park preseted the following formidable lineup: Duarte c., Nichols p., Chaix 1b., Silva 2b., May s.s., Cabral 3 b., Roderiguez l.f., McCarthy c. f., Smith r. f., Lanfri utility. The Campers were represented by the following: Holtz p., O'Leary c., Butler 1 b., Commins 2 b., Seagrave 3 b., Honeyman s. s., C. Kraup .c f., Osterman r. f., Curtin l. f., Ray Lavin and Mike Moscott utility.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

¶ I desire to announce to the people of Washington township that I have located in Niles to engage in the practice of Veterinary medicine and surgery.

¶ I have been in practice in California during the past twelve years and I shall try and give you the benefit of my best skill and knowledge at reasonable prices for my services.

¶ I desire to locate here permanently, and to make friends of all owners of livestock trusting that the results may be to our mutual benefit and satisfaction.

¶ Should you have need of my services I can be found at Sneden's Drug Store where I shall be pleased to have you call and consult me on any matter pertaining to my profession.

¶ Very sincerely yours,

F. SEGSWORTH, D. V. S.

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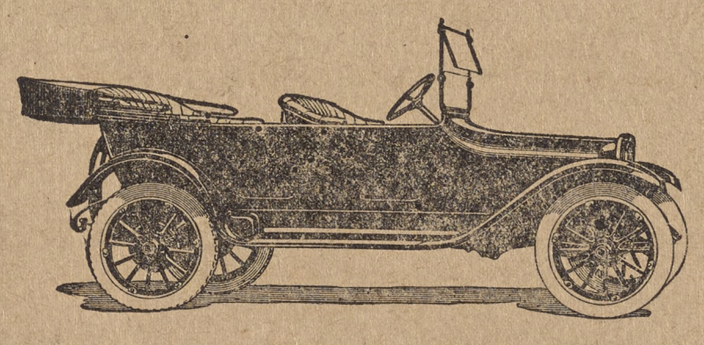
¶ PIANO GIVEN AWAY to some YOUNG LADY in a Few Months at End of Contest.

¶ VOTES GIVEN WITH PURCHASES OF MEAT at Hellwig & Lagrave's.

¶ VOTES GIVEN WITH SUBSCRIPTIONS to The Washington Press.



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The gasoline consumption is unusually low.
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Niles, California

N. B. Randall
Associate Dealer
Centerville, Calif

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda.

In the matter of the estate of Joaquin R. Martin, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned adminitsrator of the estate of the above named deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased or against his estate, to present the same within four months after the first publication of this notice, by either filing such claims with the necessary vouchers with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for Alameda County, or exhibiting such claims with the necessary vouchers to said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos Jr., at Centerville, Alameda County, California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Joaquin R. Martin, deceased.

JOAQUIN R. MARTIN, JR.,
Administrator of the estate of Joaquin R. Martin, deceased.

Dated June 8, 1916.

JNO. G. MATTOS, JR.,
Attorney for Administrator, Centerville, Cal.

First publication June 10, 1916.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Michael Palmer also known as Michael Palmer Sr., deceased, to all persons having claims against the said deceased to, within Four months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the the County of Alameda or exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the Office of Thos. J. Power, Attorney at Law, Irvington, Alameda County, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

MICHAEL PALMER,
Administrator of the estate of Michael Palmer also known as Michael Palmer Sr., Deceased.

Dated Oakland, June fifth, 1916.

THOS. J. POWER,
Attorney for said Estate, Irvington, Alameda County, California.

First Publication June 10th, 1916.

No. 21534.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of HUGH MUIR, deceased, to all persons having claims against the said deceased or claims for funeral expenses and expenses of last illness of said deceased, to, within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda or exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the office of Abe P. Leach, Room 716 Security Bank Building, Oakland, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

H. B. MEHRMANN,
Administrator of the estate of HUGH MUIR, Deceased.

Dated, Oakland, June 16th, 1916.

Abe P. Leach,
Attorney for Administrator,
Room 716 Security Bank Building,
Oakland, California.

First publication June 24, 1916.

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 31st day of July, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Anthony Alfred Lee to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Alvarado in Alvarado Election Precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Dated Oakland, Cal., July 3, 1916.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

BANK OF CENTERVILLE (a corporation), principal place of business, Centerville, Alameda County, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Centerville, a corporation of Centerville, California, will be held in the banking-room of the banking house of said corporation situated in the Town of Centerville, County of Alameda, State of California, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m. of Saturday, the 8th day of July A. D. 1916 for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing term and for the transaction of any and all business required by the by-laws of said corporation and for such other and further business that may legally and properly come before such meeting in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Proxies to be valid must be filed with the secretary at least five (5) days before the day of meeting. Witness my hand and the seal of said Corporation this 7th day of June A. D. 1916.

F. T. DUSTERBERRY, Secretary.
(CORPORATE SEAL)

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 17th day of July, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Silva & Ruschin to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Newark in Newark Election Precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Dated Oakland, Cal., June 16,

Sport Gossip

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The Centerville Sodality team played badly out of form and was beaten 10 to 3 by the San Leandro Merchants Sunday afternoon. Perry started to do the twirling for Centerville but was hoisted after the visitors had gathered seven runs in five innings. "Brother" Wales pitched the rest of the game and had the visitors pretty well under hand. Altogether the game was a rather amusing example of the national pastime, and barring the first few innings was fairly well played.

Centerville Sodality took the edges off the Invincible of Oakland at the High School grounds in Centerville Sunday.

The game was rather loosley played and the final score was 13 to 11.

The Niles Fencebusters routed the Campers in Sullivan's Park last Sunday by a score of 13 to 8. This Sunday they go to Alvarado to hook up with the Merchants of that place.

Woodrow Wilson surely did rip the cover off in his speech before the Press Club of New York. It was some speech. It has whiskers. Incidentally having been nominated it looks as though the President were going to show some of his former symptoms of independence.

Alvarado

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robie and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Robie spent the Fourth in Heldsburg. The trip was made by auto.

Mrs. H. J. Kaiser entertained at cards Monday evening.

Mr. Wm. Norris is spending a few weeks with his brother Perry in Sacramento.

A great many of the local people spent The Fourth at the Maples where a good time was enjoyed.

Mr. Ed Harvey is having his cottage on Vallejo St. moved to the north side o fthe lot to make room for another cottage, that is soon to be erected.

Miss Mildred Nauert is visiting in Livermore with friends.

The Sunday School, C. E. Society, together with the Presbyterian church are having vacation during the month of July.

Miss Beryl Farley and Miss Annie Logan graduated from the San Jose Normal on Thursday, June 29th. Miss Farley completed the three - year course, including Domestic Science.

Mrs. Fred Muller is able to go about with the aid of crutches, after spending a number of weeks in bed because of a broken leg.

Mr. T. Creed and Miss Helen Lyle came down from Berkeley to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ralph at the picnic given at the Maples and the party given by Mrs. Kaiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Paine have moved to their new home in Oakland where Mr. Paine is now working.

Will Hirsch and family spent the Fourth at Moss Beach and enjoyed a splendid trip.

Dr. Durham ano family left Thursday.

Miss Francis Peters is spending a short vacation at Byron Hot Springs.

Miss June Witherly has been visiting in Hayward with Miss Mildred Griffin.

Quite a number of townspeople spent the Fourth in San Jose at the Rhodeo.

Miss Kitney of Hirmit, Cal., is visiting her niece Miss Arvilla Brackett for a few days.

Irvington enjoyed a safe and sane Fourth with everyone out of town.

A number of young people enjoyed a picnic in Niles Canyon on the Fourth.

Mrs. F. Mayers and son Henry are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hirsch.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hirsch are camping at Fernbrook. With them are the misses:

Pearl Brewer, Madeline Gray, Louise Medeiros, Catherine and Clare Witherly, Nina Lague, and Leona and Estelle.

Rumor has it that wedding bells are to ring shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards and son Carlson spent the day Sunday with the J. M. Brewer family.

Fred Barkmeyer, Dr. Grimmer, Carl Christensen, M. Knudson, Joe Leal and Joe Holder spent three days fishing at Capitola and returned with one lone salmon.

Mr. J. Ebsen of Oakland visited with Mrs. Roderick on Monday of this week.

Alma Saxe of San Francisco visited with relatives in Irvington Monday.

Mrs. Stewart an ddaughter have been visiting with the W. Horn family in Irvington.

Miss Navis Scribner of Alvarado was the guest of Miss Catherine Christensen Wednesday.

Decoto

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyle of Berkeley spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trask.

Mrs. Clara Peterson formerly of Decoto left last week for several weeks' visit in Humboldt County.

Mrs. Grace Jarvis and son, Joseph are the guests this week of Mr and Mrs. H. Searles.

A large number of people from Decoto took in the rodeo in San Jose on the Fourth.

NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROVING WILL, ETC., AND APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Dutra Faria, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a petition for the probate of the Will of Joseph Dutra Faria, deceased, and for the issuance to Mary R. Miller of letters of Administration with the Will annexed has been filed in this Court, and that Tuesday, the eleventh day of July, A.D. 1916, at 10 o'clock A.M. of said day, at the Courtroom of Department No. 4 of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in the County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same, and show cause if any they have why said petition should not be granted.

Dated June 20, 1916.

GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk.
By W. E. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk.

(Endorsed) filed June 20, 1916.
GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk.
by W. E. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk.

JNO. G. MATTOS, JR.,
Attorney for Petitioner,
Centerville, Cal.

SUMMER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT MAY 1, 1916

CLARK'S AUTOSTAGE

Between OAKLAND—HAYWARD—NILES and CENTERVILLE

From Oakland — read down				To Oakland — read up		
9:45	1:45	6:00	Oakland	9:20	12:50	5:20
10:30	2:30	6:45	Hayward	8:40	12:05	4:35
10:45	2:45	7:00	Decoto	8:25	11:50	4:20
10:50	2:50	7:05	Masonic Home	8:20	11:45	4:15
10:55	2:55	7:10	Niles	8:15	11:40	4:10
11:05	3:05	7:20	Centerville	8:00	11:30	4:00

FARE bet. OAKLAND and
Hayward — 25c
Decoto — 50c
Niles — 50c
Centerville — 60c
Special Round Trip — $1.00

N. B. — P. M. time in heavy type

AUTO STANDS
Oakland—517 12th St., near Wash. St. Phone Oakland 3251
Hayward — Villa Hotel for Niles
Carren's Store for Oakland
Decoto - Leave orders at Olsen's store.
Niles — Hotel Wesley.
Centerville — Main Street Garage

Federal Inquiry or Railroad Strike?

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of $100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

With these employes, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by such a public body.

Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employes for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railways be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods:

1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and its control of the revenue of the railways, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected, and to provide additional revenue necessary to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, that we jointly request Congress to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Commission to consider and promptly dispose of the questions involved; or

2. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law" (The Newlands Act).

Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employes are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as the public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowledge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned position in the public confidence.

The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Government board.

Out of every dollar received by the railroads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the employes as wages; and the money to pay increased wages can come from no other source than the rates paid by the public.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its control over rates, is in a position to make a complete investigation and render such decision as would protect the interests of the railroad employes, the owners of the railroads, and the public.

A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of $100,000,000 a year to these employes, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employes, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

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